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NSF/EPA Center Verifies Technologies for Water Disinfection

ANN ARBOR, MI - NSF International (www.nsf.org), The Public Health and Safety CompanyTM, verified the first drinking water technologies for on-site disinfectant production through the Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Drinking Water Systems Center. NSF is the world leader in standards development, product certification and education services for public health and safety. On-site disinfectant production technologies are one of many methods for reducing the inventories of hazardous chemicals at water utility sites. The ETV Drinking Water Systems Center started in 1995 as a pilot program created through an agreement between NSF and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide independent performance testing for drinking water technologies. In October 2000, the pilot was officially established as a Center through which NSF develops protocols and tests technologies to verify manufacturer claims, such as arsenic, nitrate or microbiological contaminant reduction or inactivation.

NSF verified the following products for on-site disinfectant production: Model MC 100 system by ClorTec, a division of Capital Controls; ClorTec T-12 by Exceltec International Corp., a subsidiary of Severn Trent Services Inc.; OXI-2B by OXI Company Inc.; and H-3000-I Mobile Water Purification Station by PentaPure Inc.

"On-site disinfection technologies have become an important way for drinking water systems to maintain disinfection chemicals' availability while managing hazardous chemical inventories and reducing the risk of accidental or deliberate releases," said Bruce Bartley, Manager of the ETV Drinking Water Systems Center. "Our independent testing verifies the performance of these technologies and helps drinking water systems make effective decisions about which technologies will work best for them."

NSF International, a not-for-profit organization, is dedicated to improving public health, safety and protection of the environment. NSF offers a broad range of services to companies in over 83 countries, including accredited food equipment certification; comprehensive food safety and quality systems auditing; HACCP-9000® registration and verification; certification for water distribution and treatment systems; certification for dietary supplements and nonfood compounds; management systems registration; and toxicology consulting. NSF also provides public health education through its Center for Public Health Education.

NSF is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Drinking Water Safety and Treatment and Food Safety. Founded in 1944, NSF is headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., and has offices and laboratories around the world.

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